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1. WE REALIZE THAT DESPITE THE OTHERWISE HIGHLY ENCOURAGING RECENT BULGARIAN PERFORMANCE ON DIVIDED FAMILIES, THE MAREV AND INKIOW CASES ARE GOING BADLY; BUT QUESTION WHETHER THE WAY THEY ARE BEING PICTURED BY RFE IS LIKELY TO IMPROVE CHANCES FOR THEIR RESOLUTION.

2. RFE COMMENTARY FEB 13 (WRITTEN BY INKIOW) CLAIMED, IN A SARCASTIC WAY, THAT THE BULGARIANS REALLY HAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR NOT ALLOWING THE TWO MAREVA CHILDREN TO BE REUNITED WITH THEIR PARENTS. THIS, OF COURSE, IS NOT TRUE. WHAT IS TRUE IS THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET MADE THEIR EXPLANATION PUBLIC. (WITH RESPECT TO INKIOW'S SON THE BROADCAST STATES CORRECTLY THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVT SAYS THE MOTHER X THE CHILD DOES NOT PERMIT HIM TO SEE HIS FATHER.)

3. IT SEEMS TO US THAT TAUNTING THE BULGARIANS AND CLAIMING THEY HAVE NO RATIONALE FOR REFUSING TO ALLOW THE MAREV CHILDREN TO GO, IS APT TO STIMULATE A PUBLIC STATEMENT BY THE GOB WHICH WOULD SLAM THE DOOR DEFINITELY ON ANY FURTHER EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION BY DIPLOMATIC
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MEANS. WE SUGGEST THAT, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, RFE
DROP MAREV CASE.
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